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Crime in Missouri



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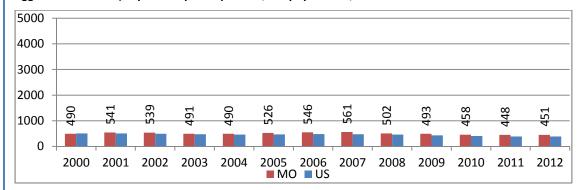
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Sometimes, criminal behavior is linked to substance use. Approximately 60% of individuals arrested for most types of crimes test positive for illegal drugs at arrest.¹

In 2012, the arrest rate for drug abuse violations in Missouri was 619 per 100,000, which was higher than the US rate of 495 per 100,000.²

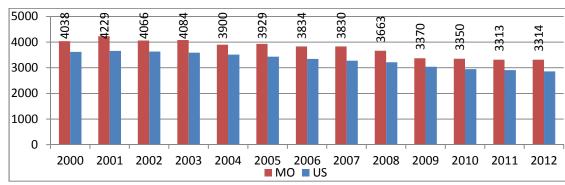
Missouri has been higher than the national average for number of violent crimes for the last decade. Rates for the both the US and Missouri have been decreasing over the past several years, with the exception of a slight increase in 2012 for Missouri.³

Number of violent crimes (murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault) reports to police per 100,000 population, 2000-2012.



Missouri has been higher than the national average for number of property crimes for the last decade. Rates for both Missouri and the US are trending downward.³

Number of property crimes (larceny, burglary, motor vehicle theft) reports to police per 100,000 population, 2000-2012.



¹ https://ncadd.org/learn-about-drugs/drugs-and-crime

² Puzzanchera, C. and Kang, W. (2014). "Easy Access to FBI Arrest Statistics 1994-2012" Online. Available: http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezaucr/
³ U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program